



Aiken Technical College Fact Sheet

- Aiken Technical College has served the citizens of the Central Savannah River Area since 1972.
- The campus is located at 2276 Jefferson Davis Highway in Aiken County, SC.
- The College's telephone number is (803) 593-9954. All mail should be addressed to P.O. Drawer 696, Aiken, SC, 29802.
- The College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- ATC's president since 1999 has been Dr. Susan A. Winsor.
- ATC is a public, open-door, comprehensive two-year institution offering associate's degrees, diplomas and certificates in more than 80 areas. Many of the credits earned at ATC transfer to other South Carolina colleges. See our catalog for exact list of transfer courses.
- Full-time tuition for Aiken County residents is approximately half the cost of tuition at a four-year college. Residents of surrounding counties in South Carolina and Georgia pay only a nominal, additional tuition fee. A variety of financial aid options, including S.C. Lottery Tuition Assistance, make a quality education at ATC very affordable.
- One of the things that sets ATC apart from other two-year colleges in the CSRA is its student focus. Student activities are an important part of campus life at ATC. The Student Activities Office generates numerous leadership opportunities for students to get involved and to practice leadership skills, including the Student Government Association, the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society, men's basketball and women's fast-pitch softball, among others. The College's team mascot is a Knight.
- ATC's Workforce and Business Development Division provides customized corporate and industry training, as well as professional development and community interest courses. WBD has partnered with dozens of the CSRA's major employers including Westinghouse, Bridgestone-Firestone, BAE Systems, SCE&G, Hubbell Power Systems and many others.
- A dual-enrollment program allows students to enroll in college courses while still in high school. ATC is also part of the Aiken County Tech Prep/School-to-Work Consortium. A high school graduate of the Tech Prep Program may be eligible for advanced placement in many of the College's technical and industrial programs.
- Once an ATC graduate is ready to enter the workforce, a branch of the One Stop Career Center located right on campus to help with job placement.



Quick Facts about the SC Technical College System

Promoting the economic and workforce development of South Carolina

The South Carolina Technical College System provides affordable student access to post-secondary education. The System is composed of 16 community-based colleges throughout the state and is an integral part of South Carolina's higher education network. In fact, both the legislation establishing the System and regional accreditation define the state's technical colleges as "institutions of higher education." By offering career-oriented certificate, diploma and associate degree programs, many of which also provide a route to a baccalaureate degree, the System complements the programs and services provided by other components of the state's higher education community.

DID YOU KNOW?

The South Carolina Technical College System, through its credit and continuing education enrollment, touches nearly one in 14 South Carolinians over 18

- Fifty-five percent (55%) of South Carolina residents attending one of the state's public colleges or universities during the 2005 Fall semester were enrolled at one of South Carolina's technical colleges.
- Ninety-eight (98%) of all students enrolled at a South Carolina technical college in Fall 2005 were residents of South Carolina.
- In Fall 2005, nearly half of all first-time students enrolling at a public college or university in the state enrolled at one of South Carolina's technical colleges.
- During the 2005-2006 academic year, nearly 107,000 students enrolled at one of South Carolina's technical colleges. Although final numbers for continuing education enrollment are not yet available for 2005-06, more than 130,000 people participated in this type of education through one of the state's technical colleges in 2004-2005.
- Since Fall 2000, the System has experienced a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment increase of 24 percent.
- In terms of undergraduate enrollment, three of the state's top five public colleges and universities in 2005-06 were technical colleges: Greenville Technical College, Trident Technical College and Midlands Technical College.

The System is producing graduates in critical workforce areas for the state, improving overall quality of life and enhancing economic development

- In the coming years, 65 percent of jobs will necessitate an associate's degree or advanced training,* exactly the type of education and training provided by South Carolina's technical colleges.

**Workforce 2020: Work and Workers in the 21st Century; C. D'Amico*

- Nearly one-third of graduates from technical colleges in 2004-2005 were in the Health Sciences, an area of critical workforce shortage for the state.
- Starting salaries for healthcare workers begin between \$30,000 and \$45,000 per year, which is higher than the state's current per capita income of \$28,353.* In addition, although earning power varies from field to field, many other technical college graduates realize earnings in excess of the current per capita income as well.

**-Bureau of Economic Analysis*

SC Technical College System FY 2007-2008 Legislative Priorities:

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- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina workers with an associate's degree earned on average nearly \$11,000 more than those with a high school diploma in 2004.
- In combination, South Carolina's technical colleges offer degree, diploma, certificate and continuing education programs in more than 130 areas, ranging from allied health fields to automotive technology, paralegal training to air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics, and civil engineering technology to culinary arts. The courses of study offered by technical colleges continually evolve to effectively meet the needs of the local community; for example, recent courses added at various colleges include cosmetology, crime scene investigation and radiation protection.
- The majority of students who graduate from South Carolina's technical colleges work within the state, many within the service area of their College. Data show that more than 90 percent of the working graduates from seven of the 16 Colleges are employed within that respective College's service area.

In FY 2004, the System provided a cumulative economic impact of nearly \$2.5 billion*

- For each dollar the state invests in the South Carolina Technical College System, it receives a return of \$12.10.*
**—Economic Impact of the South Carolina Technical College System on the Economy of South Carolina, Omega Associates, Dec. 2005*

The System is an integral component of the state's economic development strategy

- The System and its reputation for providing innovative, high-quality workforce training opportunities is an integral part of the state's economic development efforts.
- The System's Center for Accelerated Technology Training (CATT) is an important incentive for businesses looking to locate and/or expand operations in the state.
- According to the 2005 economic impact study funded by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education:
 - ∞ each \$1 South Carolina provided to fund CATT projects returned an estimated \$16.50 to the state; and,
 - ∞ South Carolina gained more than \$7 million in additional tax revenue from increased earnings of CATT-trained workers from 2001-2005.
- In 2005-06, CATT was involved in 110 new and expanding economic development projects across the state.

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